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(c) whether Government have fixed any criteria for selection of such items, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for the Government pursuing the policy of connectively approving foreign capital in retail market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) As per the extant policy, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is permitted in wholesale cash and carry trading (Viz. Business-to-Business sales), trading from exports, trading of items sourced for Small Scale Sector and retail trading of 'Single Brand Products'

(c) FDI up to 51% in retails trade of 'Single Brand' products is subject to the following conditions:

i.. Products to be sold should be of a 'Single Brand' only.

it. Products should be sold under the same brand internationally

iii. Single Brand' product-retailing would cover only products which are branded during manufacturing.

(d) FDI in retailing of 'Single Brand' products would, while meeting the growing demand of high end products, also brings in investments and provides access to modern technology and best practices not only in retailing but also in related support services, and in developing supply chain logistics. This is also expected to encourage sourcing of goods from India by such retail chains for their global operations.

increase in exports

† 890. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that exports have risen in the country from 2000-01 to 2005-06;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof including the increase in terms of percentage;

(c) whether it is a fact that technical and knowledge based industries contributed particularly in increase in exports whereas the contribution of labour based industries has declined; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the decline of export in the labour-based industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Merchandise exports increased from US \$ 44.6* billion in 2000-01 to US \$ 103.1 billion in 2005-06. The details of the exports in each of the years since 2000-01 along with percentage increase is given below:

Year	Exports (US\$ billion)	Growth Rate (%)
2000-01	44.6	-
2001-02	43.8	-1.6
2002-03	52.7	20.3
2003-04	63.8	21.1
2004-05	83.5	30.8
2005-06	103.1	23.4

(c) and (d) Data on contribution of technical and knowledge based industries to exports are not maintained by the Government of India. However, according to the data of the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & statistics (DGCI&S) for the year 2005-06 classified on the basis of Principal Commodities, certain products which are known to have a notable technical and knowledge based content such as Transport Equipment, Machinery and Instruments, Basic Chemicals, Pharma and Cosmetics, Project Goods, etc recorded high growth rates along with some labour intensive products such as coffee, Oil-meals, Sugar and Mollasses, Readymade Garments, "Coir and Coir Manufacturers, Hand Made Carpets excluding .Silk Carpets, etc.